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Group Art Unit: 2615

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For: RECORDING RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING DEVICE AND RECORDING  
RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto, and are relied upon for a statement of relevance for those references.

The undersigned respectfully notes that copies of U.S. references are not required in application filed after June 30, 2003.

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